

NSC BRIEFING

22 DECEMBER 1955

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SUPREME SOVIET MEETING

I. USSR's rubberstamp parliament, the Supreme Soviet, has just postponed its third scheduled meeting for this year from 23 Dec to 26 Dec--perhaps as a sort of Christmas present to the Western world's statesmen and intelligence communities.

A. More seriously, the postponement of this session--which had already been announced as dealing with the Soviet '56 budget--may indicate that the Communist Party Central Committee has important business to discuss before the rubber-stampers are called to order.

B. In addition to budget discussions, we expect that this session of the Supreme Soviet will hear a "report" from B & K on their South Asia trek, possibly coupled with the announcement of a Soviet economic aid program for underdeveloped

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